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Letter dated 2 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as a representative of the country coordinator of GUAM (Georgia, Ukraine, Republic of Azerbaijan and Republic of Moldova), I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of States members of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development-GUAM with regard to the adoption of Security Council resolution 1716 (2006) (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 11, 27, 44 and 90 (n), and of the Security Council.

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Statement by the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of States members of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development-GUAM regarding the adoption of Security Council resolution 1716 (2006)

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development-GUAM (ODED-GUAM) welcome the extension by the Security Council in its resolution 1716 (2006) of the mandate of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia for a further period terminating on 15 April 2007.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of ODED-GUAM note with satisfaction the reaffirmation of the commitment of all members of the Security Council to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognized borders and the support of the Security Council for the principles contained in the "Paper on Basic Principles for the Distribution of Competencies between Tbilisi and Sukhumi".

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of ODED-GUAM are pleased to note the interest of the Security Council regarding additional ideas of the sides with a view to conducting creatively and constructively a political dialogue under the auspices of the United Nations.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of ODED-GUAM welcome the efforts of the Government of Georgia to re-establish the rule of law, public order, stability and lawful conditions for the peaceful reintegration of the conflict zone into the political and economic systems of Georgia.